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SUBJ: CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION ENLARGED AND MORE DETAINEES
RELEASED

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1. THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL (SMC) HAS APPOINTED 30
ADDITIONAL PERSONS TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION,
BRINGING THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO 55. THESE NEW APPOINTMENTS
REPORTEDLY REPRESENT WIDE AND VARYING OPINIONS THROUGH-
OUT THE COUNTRY. THE RECONSTITUTED COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED
TO HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING AUGUST 7 AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE
TO BEGIN ITS WORK OF DRAFTING AN INTERIM CONSTITUTION.

2. THE SMC HAS RELEASED 13 PERSONS FROM PREVENTIVE
CUSTODY INCLUDING COL. GEORGE MINYILA IN WHAT APPEARS TO
BE A NEW MOVE TO SET FREE PERSONS WHO WERE DIRECTLY OR
INDIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH ATTEMPTED COUPS AGAINST ACHEAMPONG
GOVERNMENT SINCE 1972. MOST OF THE 13 ARE MILITARY MEN.

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3. COMMENT: RECONSTITUTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
FULFILLS AKUFFO'S JULY 31 PLEDGE (REFTEL). IT INDICATES
HE IS WASTING NO TIME IN PUSHING AHEAD WITH ANNOUNCED
PLAN TO HAVE NEW CONSTITUTION READY FOR CONSIDERATION BY
A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IN NOVEMBER 1978. THAT WILL BE
THE NEXT STEP IN GHANA'S GRADUAL MARCH TOWARD CONSTITUTIONAL
GOVERNMENT. THE RELEASE OF THE DETAINEES WAS EXPECTED;

IT SEEMS ILLOGICAL TO CONTINUE TO HOLD PERSONS SUSPECTED OR
EVEN CONVICTED OF ENGAGING IN PLOTS AGAINST ACHEAMPONG,
A MANEUVER WHICH PRESENT REGIME SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT ON
JULY 5. HOLMES

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